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Dr. Len. G. Broughton, of Atlanta, Ga., went to Gaffney, South Carolina, to hold a meeting, in which "besides hundreds who were converted," the new theater building, at a banquet given to the noted preacher, by the business men of the town as he was leaving at his suggestion, was turned into a Y. M. C. A. hall, most of the stockholders donating their stock, closing the town to the theater people, for the present anyhow. There is still power in the gospel to convert and hold even strong minded business men. Just "preach the gospel," and then preach it again, and forever, and it will do the business whereunto it has been sent into the world.

"The entire membership of the Moravian Church constitutes an organized missionary body. It lives only to establish and maintain evangelistic undertakings in the lands of darkness. A wonderfully large proportion of the members are at present actually toiling upon pagan soil. But what is even more to the purpose, those who remain at home by no means count themselves free from responsibility, and at liberty to look on with concern and be at ease; but hold themselves subject to call, and by warm sympathy, by prayer, constant and fervent, as well as by gifts of money which costs no slight self-denial, lend inspiration and courage to the sorely burdened toilers at the front, and hence effectually help forward the work."

"Dr. Alexander MacLaren says, regarding our duty to make Christianity as attractive as possible to those about us in daily life: **Adorn the Doctrines.** 'Ugly Christianity is not Christ's Christianity. Some of us older people remember that it used to be a favorite phrase to describe unattractive saints, that they had 'grace grafted on a crab stick.' There are a great many Christian people whom one would compare to any other plant rather than a lily. Thorns and thistles and briars are a good deal more like what some of them appear to the world. But we are bound, if we are Christian people, by our obligations to God, and by our obligations to men to try and make Christianity look as beautiful in people's eyes as we can. Unless you, as a Christian, are in your character arrayed in the 'beauty of holiness,' and the holiness of beauty, you are not quite the Christian that Jesus Christ wants you to be, setting forth all the gracious and sweet and refining influences of the gospel in your daily life and conduct."

"A Scotch woman lived on oatmeal porridge that she might give to missions. A friend gave her sixpence to buy a chop; she said: "I have been without chops nine years; I can do without the chop." She gave the sixpence to missions. The story of the Scotch woman was told at a dinner; a lady present said: "I never went without a chop for Christ yet. I will give one thousand pounds for missions." Another and another spoke, till twelve thousand dollars lay pledged for missions, the outgrowth of that self-denial.

She did what she could. You do not know what clothes she wore, how gracious she was in the reception of her friends, but you know that Jesus Christ said: "She hath done what she could." And I would rather have that than all else in the world."

"The Baptist Argus makes offer of one year's subscription (instead of a piano, a trip to Europe, or a scholarship in some university) for the best definition of "Baptisticism." The word is new and so has no historical or established meaning.

It means nothing, little or much. In other words, it means just what you make it mean. We submit three definitions. (1) Historically: Baptisticism is a "mare's nest," discovered by the Baptist Argus, and concerning which there has been "Much Ado About Nothing." (2) Grammatically: Baptisticism is a noun, (whether common or proper is unknown), which it is proposed shall stand for the name of some unknown thing; third person, neuter gender, and in the objective case—object of the Argus' admiration. (3) Denominationally: Baptisticism is an indictment against the spirit and methods of the Baptists who have made Baptist history, and an apology for denominational looseness."

Trade in Bibles is reported to be active and steadily increasing. According to a writer in the Sun, the American Bible Society issued one million five hundred thousand Bibles last year, and the British and Foreign Bible Society five million. Many other concerns publish Bibles and sell great numbers of them. The Philippines consumed ten thousand seven hundred of the American Bible Society's Bibles during our first year there, and fifty-eight thousand during the second year.

Translations of the Bible are now being made into five Pilipino dialects. It has already been published in three other dialects by the British Society, so that it will soon be out in eight varieties of Pilipino language. Nearly half a million Bibles went into China last year in spite of the effect of the Boxer outbreak which, for the time being, cut down the demand about one-half. It seems odd that the Mormon Bible is not offender met with.—Gook Work.

"It is sorrowful, yet doubtless true, that twenty persons may be found who work faithfully, perseveringly, or skillfully, for one who works joyously. Yet the joy of work to him who knows what it is, is one of the most exquisite of which he is capable.

To love the labor of one's trade, apart from any question of success or fame, is a precious secret, and only he who habitually relates his own small portion of labor to the general business of the universe holds the key of it.

The laborer throwing up a railway embankment is not, did he but understand, merely shoveling dirt, but making a highway for Christian civilization and so helping to expedite God's errands. To the sooty-faced miner delving in the dark has been assigned the honor of unlocking the divine storehouses filled, uncounted ages ago, for the uses of man. The uncountant bending over his endless columns of figures must avail himself of those exact principles of mathematics by which the worlds are held in balance. Even the cook, toiling among her kettles, is only a minister of that Providence which nourishes all that it has created. There is no such thing as "common labor." Every true worker may have a patent of nobility for the claiming, with the right to call himself "helper to the King."

The rewards of work are are of two kinds, those which come from without and those which grow up from within. The first are not to be despised. Some portion of material wage, some degree of the appreciation of one's fellows, is the rightful due of honest accomplishment. But without the second, no labor, however remunerative in coin or fame, can be better than paid drudgery.

There is, then, no truer philosophy of words than that which names a man's trade or occupation his "calling." Happy is he who can answer, "Here am I, with all that I possess of power of hand or brain, to be used with gladness."—MARY A. P. STANSBURY in Good Work.

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"Is Baptism Essential to Church Membership?"

This is one of the subjects discussed in the recent Baptist Congress, held in Boston, Nov. 18-20. We have already referred, in these columns, to the erratic, to say nothing about the logical, utterances of some of the speakers on this occasion. But we are impressed that, here, passing notice is not all that the situation calls for.

In the first place, many are asking what "The Baptist Congress" is. It is simply a voluntary gathering of a number of gentlemen, who are Baptists, for a full and free discussion of whatever questions they may choose to discuss. Churches, associations, conventions, or persons, are responsible for the utterances except those who make them. No votes are taken in this gathering. It is not new, being about a quarter of a century old.

Rufus P. Johnston, D. D., pastor of the Fifth Avenue Church, New York, spoke first on the above subject, taking the unenviable position that baptism is not essential to church membership. Such doctrine is simply shocking to a simple-minded believer in the New Testament. Dr. Johnston argues that to make baptism essential to church membership is to require more, for entering a visible church than for entering the invisible church. It is argued that faith in Jesus Christ and a pious, upright life are the conditions for membership in the kingdom of God, and that nothing more should be required for church membership. It is quite evident that the doctor confounds salvation and church membership, whereas they are entirely distinct. The former must take place before the latter is to be thought of. After one has entered the invisible Kingdom of God through faith in His Son, it then becomes his duty and high privilege to associate himself with a company of believers for their mutual edification and for co-operation in doing the Lord's work.

Baptism is the initial ceremony of the churches. It is a declaration to the world

of death to sin and a new life in Christ Jesus. May any be excused from its observance, simply to gratify a whim or a preference? Our Lord was righteous; but, for its exemplary force, he submitted to the ordinance. In his sermon on the memorable day of Pentecost, Peter said, "Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Christ Jesus." Some prominent and influential persons might come into our churches if baptism could be waived. But until they are willing to lay aside their preferences and do the will of Christ they surely are not in proper condition to be reckoned with the servants of the Lord. Our Lord declared that he came not to do his own will but that of the Father.

Playing loose in thinking will surely beget loose play in action. No one who confines himself to the clear teaching of our Lord will ever think of joining a church without baptism, nor of baptism without immersion. It is when one gives himself over to personal preference, convenience and speculation, that he goes adrift on the act and necessity of Christian baptism. Does the suggestion that the doctrine of alien immersion is responsible for this modern cult of church membership without baptism not force itself in here?

There is not any safe way but the right way. The unchallenged way in the matter of baptism is, after regeneration, to be immersed upon the authority of a body that believes in regular immersion only as the act and by an agent or administrator who believes in the regular way and order of things.

When our brethren minimize the regularity of baptism, there can be no question but that their course suggests and even encourages all grades of departure from the old beaten paths. It would, beyond all doubt, honor and advance the simple truth as it is in Jesus for all to reject irregular immersions. A mere preference for, or advocacy of, such a course does not meet the requirements in the case.

We must "contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints," and under no circumstances feel justifiable in compromising the plain teachings of our Lord. This is not at all necessary. God is over all, and all power in heaven and earth is lodged in the Captain of our salvation. If we will faithfully obey orders as we follow on, victory is assured.

The teaching of the New Testament, though not formulated in any one place, is repentance toward God through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, baptism as a declaration of this fact, and a continuous observance of all he has taught.

The fact that any one is asking if he may not be excused from doing what our Lord has explicitly commanded as a universal duty of believers, is a presumption in favor of his heart not being right. Such is not the character of the enquiry of the newborn soul. It is "Lord, what wilt thou have me do?"

We are happy to say to our readers that so far as our observation extends all our exchanges repudiate the position of church membership without baptism. We feel

quite certain that the good old Baptist faith and practice will remain intact. In the language of "The Examiner," we submit the query: "If some do not need to be baptized when uniting with a Baptist church, why do any need to be?" Then if none need to be, we should abandon the ordinance, and all turn quakers, at least on this point.

Notes and Comments.

It is worth while to remember that "Love's labor for the lost is never lost."

Is it not true that "The church that ignores the youth puts all its hopes in yesterday," rather than tomorrow?

There is a vast expanse of difference between "drawing" the people and "reaching" them. They may be drawn without being reached.

"If you can serve a child today, you may rule a world tomorrow" ought to light up the soul of every woman in the land; and especially every mother.

"Yes, it is true, as we all are encouraged to believe, that, 'There are no children left out of heaven's cradle roll,' for all who die in infancy enter there.

There has been enough of the "standing" committee business in our churches; let's have them superseded by "walking" committees now for a couple of centuries, and see what the result will be. A little leg theology would help that of the head very materially.

"Christ in the Winepress alone" was the subject of a great sermon before the New Mexico Baptist State Convention last week, by Rev. C. C. Young. Bro. Young is favorably known here; and is now pastor at Roswell, New Mexico. He is a fine preacher.

There was at least one clear recommendation in the president's message that congress ought to be able to see, that, "The railroads in the District of Columbia whiten their frogs!" If he had said, "Eject the saloons from the district" his name would be a household word forever, in all the good homes of the earth.

When the coal dealers' attorney, Mr. McVeagh, reminded honest John Mitchel that "God with one is a majority" he replied, as quick as a flash, "I would gladly leave the whole dispute to God!" And that is the only way to settle any question—leave it to God. For instance, just submit the question of baptism to God, and see what the result will be; or, the question of missions.

Texas Baptists have laid out their work for missions, for another year on the broad basis of \$1350.00—\$75.00 for State missions; \$25,000 for Foreign missions; \$25,000 for Home missions; and \$10,000

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for the church building fund, which is really State missions. The Lord be praised for such Baptists as our Texas brethren are. But with half the population of our Lone Star brethren, Mississippi Baptists will raise \$75,000 for the cause themselves.

Calling something a church does not make it a church. You might call our public schools churches, but that would not make them churches. And, as Dr. Gambrell aptly says "There might be a congregation of baptized believers" and still no church, only in name. There must be a purpose, which is carried out into the life of this congregation of baptized believers, before it is worthy of wearing the good name "church."

We have, through the courtesy of the author, received a copy of "The Covenant of Works and the Covenant of Grace," by Rev. John P. Hemby, of Hazlehurst. This booklet contains 56 pages, divided into four parts or chapters. The author brings out into very clear view the fact of the two covenants and shows in an equally clear manner the difference between the two. The price of this book is 25 cents, and it can be had from the author, Hazlehurst, Miss., or from the Mississippi Baptist Publishing Co., Jackson, Miss.

Paul Kruger has made a fierce attack upon the memory of the great missionary, David Livingstone, charging that his house was an arsenal for supplying weapons to the natives, and that for that reason he, Kruger, had it destroyed. Years ago Livingstone told about this matter himself. The Boers tried to drive all the missionaries out of central Africa, breaking up his school taking two hundred of his pupils into slavery and breaking up his medicines, destroying his library, carrying off all his household effects. He had stood secure among the savages until the Boers raided him. It does begin to look like that a great deal of sympathy has been wasted upon the Boers.

Dr. Willingham, in a sermon before the Second Baptist Church, Atlanta, a few Sundays ago, told of a small town church in South Carolina that was trying to raise \$660 for Foreign missions and succeeded in raising \$1,000. It came about by several poor brethren giving up their tobacco, and putting the cost thereof into the collection, one brother giving \$50, and another \$100, which they would have smoked and chewed up, doing nobody any good. We know by name at least a thousand Baptists, right here in the good old State of Mississippi, who have used from \$5 to \$100 worth of tobacco every year, for the last 25 and more years, who have not given that much to missions in all their lives! Whose fault is it? It is largely the fault of our preachers, who by their own love for the accursed weed, or fear of offending somebody, has not taught the people what God has said on the subject of giving the gospel to the world. Some of us will have an awful account to meet at

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the judgment. And may God pity us, and that right early, to get our eyes open on the question.

Encouraging Figures.

It is known to the brotherhood of our State that we have projected our mission work on a larger scale than anything yet adopted. To some, in view of the hard times that we are having, on account of corn scarcity and high prices for living that prevail, this may not seem to be wise. To the earnest believer in missions, however, who stops not to count the cost in obeying the Master's command, this increase will only serve as a stimulus to influence him in doing yet more for the upbuilding of His kingdom, "whose we are and whom we serve." Put along by the side of what you give in money to this cause, that saying so dear to the Apostle's heart, so dear to the heart of every child of God—"The life which I now live, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." How mean our gifts in comparison with His. We give not in quality, we give not in quantity. The ratios are so far apart, and yet they both are measured by love. "If any man love me, he will keep my words." Amazing grace that He accepts and blesses us in the little that we do give. I confess to a little impatience to see the figures that will show our gains this year. Is there any connection between our gifts and our growth? Does the branch bear fruit as it abides in the vine?

The figures for 1901 show that in Mississippi there were baptized 6,200 white people; they further show that where our people were most active in home work, they were also most active in mission work, and last year recorded our greatest missionary achievements. The reports as given to our paper were never so gracious in the matter of meetings, and the mission responses have never been so great to this date. To December 1st of last year my book shows a total of all receipts \$6,763.69, and to same date 1902, \$9,160.69, an increase of \$2,400.00. State missions show an increase of \$317.16, with this difference added that no money received has come to pay a debt due before the Convention, and this would amount to \$600.00 more as compared with last year. In foreign missions we are over \$1,000.00 ahead on last year, the figures being \$976.45 in 1901, \$1,996.94 in 1902. In home missions we are \$972.95 ahead, the figures being respectively, \$890.92, \$1,863.67, while in general missions the figures stand \$1,018.56 for last year and \$1,291.19 for the present year. If in five months we gain \$2,400.00, with the great mission months still before us, who doubts that we will reach \$8,000.00 advance, on which we have set our hearts? Yes, brethren, as we gird ourselves for this great end, with His banner over us, be encouraged and press the cause all along the lines, for it is ours as it was Paul's to say, "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me."

A. V. ROWE.

Bay St. Louis.

This is the county town of Hancock

county, situated 52 miles east of New Orleans on the L. and N. railroad, and is the first town of importance after leaving the Crescent City. Like Biloxi, it is an old Catholic town. Our Board has, at different times, had missionaries there for a number of years.

Brethren Bowen, Mathis, Sibley and Hall have all preached there and doubtless each did good. Bro. Mathis built a house that is now of value to the cause there. The house is a good wooden structure, worth I should say about \$1,500 and is quite centrally located. For quite awhile we have had no preaching there, and while the house was unoccupied vandals broke perhaps every window pane out.

The membership of the old church was scattered and not even a vestage of the old record could be found. A good organ had been put in the house when it was in use, but the organ had not been paid for and the dealers had authorized the agent to take the organ out. A Baptist sister living in town, not a member there, seeing the condition of things, just took hold of the matter upon her own motion. She went to work and put in nice stained glass in all the windows, paid out the organ, rented the house to the Episcopal people for two Sundays in the month. She has paid all the money back and reported to me about \$6.00 in the treasury when I visited over there. At the request of Bro. Rowe I visited that place about two weeks ago to look after the insuring of the property that it might not be lost in case the house should burn.

I easily adjusted the matter of insurance and found a few strong Baptists there that had never been affiliated with the church there. At their urgent request I returned there Thanksgiving night, preached to them and organized them into a Baptist church.

One of the constituent members is the Rev. C. L. Corwin, lately from the north, who owns good property there and proposes to make that his home. He is a most excellent preacher and a man of fine Christian spirit. After organization the church invited Bro. Corwin to take charge of them and preach to them twice a month. He consented to do so, but he really prefers to have another pastor and he is willing to help with all his might. The outlook is bright for this work. Now is the time to help them.

J. B. SEARCY.

McComb City.

Rev. G. B. Butler, of Natchez, is holding revival services in the First Baptist Church, at this place. Tho' the weather is unusually bad, yet good congregations, under the circumstances, greet him, especially at evening services. Yesterday, tho' raining, the house was well nigh filled at each service—on the 16th the pastor had a roll call of the membership and preached a sermon on "what constitutes an efficient church?" The occasion was one of much interest. We beg the prayer of your readers for a great revival. Love and best wishes

A. P. PUGH.

From the Gulf Coast.

The writer has been "circulating" among the baptists of Gulfport this week and has gathered some items that will probably interest the readers of THE BAPTIST.

GULFPORT.

It is confidently believed by many that, in the near future, Gulfport is destined to be a city of considerable size and importance. The facts seem to support this view. The U. S. census for 1890 gives the population of the young city as 1,060; its present population is about 4,000, or nearly four times what it was two years ago, and still they come. Dwellings, offices, etc., are in great request, and the prices demanded for rents, building, lots, etc., are extremely high. The expenses of living are such that poor, laboring men and families find it difficult to "make ends meet." There are many beautiful and comfortable residences and business buildings already occupied and many others going to be planned, which indicate that men of means are making permanent homes and have confidence in the future of this progressive little city.

The work of dredging for deep water is steadily progressing and the results appear quite satisfactory. It is claimed that a depth of twenty-four feet over the bar is already attained, and experts say that there will be very little difficulty in maintaining that depth. The pier extends a little over a mile into the Gulf. I am told, and a large number of men are kept employed in completing it and the wharves. On the pier there is a large fish-canning establishment and a ship yard. In the latter, several vessels of various kinds and sizes have been built and others are in process of construction. Several ocean-going vessels have loaded with lumber at the wharf here for domestic and foreign ports, and at this time there are two steam ships and one large sailing vessel lying at the wharf and loading with lumber daily. The G. & S. I. R. R. tracks extend to the end of the pier, and the cars loaded with lumber are placed on the wharf convenient for loading the vessels. I cannot take time and space to mention all the enterprises on foot and projected at this place. I may mention, however, that a large hotel, on the beach near the pier, is going up rapidly. It is claimed that when completed, it will have cost \$300,000, and will rival any hotel to be found in Mobile or New Orleans. Certain it is, that hundreds of thousands of dollars have been and are being expended in the various enterprises and improvements here, and the end is far from being in sight.

At a recent election held in this (Harrison) county, the county seat was authorized to be moved from Mississippi City to Gulfport, and the Board of Supervisors have accepted a lot donated by Capt. J. T. Jones, President of the G. & S. I. R. R., for the court house grounds, and have authorized the erection of a court house to cost \$40,000, and will also build a jail to cost \$10,000. The court house is to be a fire-proof, two-story building, constructed of Bedford stone and buff pressed brick, with

terracotta trimmings and slate roof." In addition to the extensive R. R. machine shops, Gulfport is soon to have a large "Foundry and Machine Works," also a "New Brick Plant," to cost \$35,000, with a capacity of 20,000 per day. The brick will be made of white sand, lime, etc., by a new process, will be harder and more dense than the common brick, will be pure white, and will require only 24 hours to make and harden them for use.

The Board of Supervisors has acted favorably upon the application of a private company for the privilege of constructing an electric railway line along, or near the gulf coast, from Biloxi to Pass Christian. It is believed that this line will be a decided benefit to all the towns touched by it.

That the new gulf city is alive also to the importance of supplying her children with good educational advantages, is evidenced by the fact that "the city council has voted to expend \$10,000 on furnishing and improving the public school building and grounds."

Now, what shall I say of the outlook of Gulfport religiously? Truly, "the children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light." I would that I could say that interest and progress religiously keep pace with the growth and development of the town in other respects. Such, alas! is not the case. It is not because we are lacking in faithful, wise, and consecrated leadership, for that noble and true man of God, Bro. J. R. Johnston, is the pastor of the church. But, unfortunately, his home is about 150 miles from Gulfport, and he is here only two Sundays in each month. While Bro. Johnston possesses the love and confidence of the church in a very high degree, the fact that he is with them so little, precludes his giving the time and direction to the work that is so much needed, and the flock suffers much for the lack of the shepherd's presence and attention.

Strangers are constantly coming in and amongst them, Baptists from every section of our country. With no resident pastor and services only twice a month, on the second and third Sundays, these new comers fail to identify themselves with the church, and remain too often concealed in the midst of the multitude. The many peculiar conditions and difficulties in the way of Christian work here, can be understood and appreciated only by those who come here and take a careful survey of the situation. Our State Board has acted wisely in sending Bro. Johnston to this field. He is "worthy and well qualified" for this work. As it is, in spite of all the difficulties in the way, great and encouraging results have attended his labors, and about sixty have been added to the church since he took charge of this work some six months ago. But there is every reason to believe that much better results, in every way, would have been attained if he had been living here and giving his entire time to this most important field. God speed the time when he can live here and devote his whole time and energies to this work. Dr. Lipsey, bishop of the church at Clinton, was with

us not long ago and preached the gospel in its purity and power for about a week. The immediate results were not large, so far as accessions to the church is concerned, but his coming and faithful preaching was a blessing to us all and the cause. With regret the saints parted with him, and in their hearts they said, "God bless Bro. Lipsey."

Rev. John Culpepper and his sons are conducting a meeting here at this time. The writer has attended only two or three services near the beginning of the meeting, but he hears favorable reports from them and sincerely hopes good results may follow their labors here.

The Methodist pastor, Rev. W. D. Dominick, is an earnest, faithful preacher and worker, and is doing good service for Christ and humanity.

The Presbyterians are a small band, but they are setting a good example to the Baptists. They have called a pastor for all of his time and have raised a good sum towards building a house of worship.

Our Baptist church is too small and otherwise unsuited to our needs, and it will not be long before we will be compelled to arise and build a more commodious and acceptable house for the Lord. More anon. W. M. REESE.

From Mexico City to Vera Cruz.

To reach Vera Cruz from Mexico City one goes by the Mexican Railway, a distance of 264 miles. This road was completed in 1873, and was the first one constructed in Mexico. It was built by an English company and has not only steel rails, but also steel cross-ties. It is said that the road follows, in general, the route taken by Cortez on his first visit to the Aztec capital. It passes in full view of Mexico's three greatest volcanoes, the Orizaba, 18,225 feet high, being the loftiest one on the North American continent. Twenty-eight miles out from Mexico you pass San Juan Teotihuacan station, famous for its ancient pyramids of the Sun and Moon, said to resemble those of Egypt. They are known to have existed in the year 1190 of our era, and hence were built by the Toltecs or their predecessors.

In making the last six hours run to the Gulf, there is a descent of 8,044 feet, dropping down suddenly from the temperate zone to the tropics. Beginning the descent near Esperanza Station, the train turns, twists and crawls down a serpentine track, threading a terrace or shelf cut into the mountain-side, and shooting through one tunnel after another as if attempting to escape the hot chase of a pursuer. At one place it must wind about five leagues around in order to make one down. The Indians who fail to sell out their fruits and wares at the upper station, run through on foot and beat the train, that they may drive a final bargain with the passengers. The scenery here is grand beyond description. Farther down the road passes through extensive banana fields, this plant serving a double purpose of yielding a fabulous harvest, while its large leaves protect from the tropical suns the heavily la-

den coffee trees. Thus two distinct crops are grown regularly and successfully on the same ground at the same time.

Vera Cruz is low, hot, dirty, sickly, and seldom free from yellow fever and smallpox. I had no disposition to loiter or linger in the streets, but struck a bee-line from the train to the wharf. On reaching my steamer, the *Vigilania*, I said to the German-looking porter, "Look here, is there any yellow fever about here?" He grinned as he replied, "No, I haint seen nun uv it." The city contains 30,000 inhabitants and was laid out by Cortez himself, the present site being six miles south of the Aztec town, where this Spanish adventurer landed and soon after sank his ships by boring holes in their keels, thereby cutting off all means of retreat, so as to inspire his men with valor and a determination to conquer or die in the attempt.

Vera Cruz is the chief port of entry to the Mexican Republic; its new custom-house was built of stone brought from Quincy, Mass. Through this house pass annually \$25,000,000 worth of exports and \$26,000,000 of imports. The harbor is an open roadstead between the city and the little island fortress of San Juan de Ulna, which is some four hundred yards out at sea. This castle was early built by Spain as a protection to the city, at an estimated cost of \$3,000,000. It is said that on one occasion Charles V., standing on the shore of Spain, shaded his eyes with his hand while gazing westward over the sea. An accompanying courtier said to him, "What is your majesty looking at?" He replied, "I am looking for San Juan de Ulna. It has cost me so many million dollars, that it must be large enough for me to see it across the ocean." The fortress was captured by the French in 1838, and again by our General Scott in 1847. With the present implements of warfare, it is valueless as a fortress and is no longer used as such, but has been converted into a Mexican prison. Because of the intense heat and unhealthfulness of the place, "twenty years at San Juan de Ulna," has come to mean about the same as a sentence for life. Only the worst criminals are sent here, and few live out their term.

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From the Gulf Coast.

The writer has been "galating" among the baptists of Gulfport a week and has gathered some items that will probably interest the readers of THE BAPTIST.

GULFPORT.

It is confidently believed by many that, in the near future, Gulfport is destined to be a city of considerable size and importance. The facts seem to support this view. The U. S. census for 1890 gives the population of the young city as 1,060; its present population is about 4,000, or nearly four times what it was two years ago, and still they come. Dwellings, shops, etc., are in great request, and the prices demanded for rents, building lots, etc., are extremely high. The expenses of living are such that poor, laboring men with families find it difficult to "make ends meet." There are many beautiful and costly residences and business buildings already occupied and many others going up as planned, which indicate that men of means are making permanent homes and have confidence in the future of this progressive little city.

The work of dredging the deep water is steadily progressing and the results appear quite satisfactory. It is claimed that a depth of twenty-four feet over the bar is already attained, and experts say that there will be very little difficulty in maintaining that depth. The pier extends a little over a mile into the gulf, I am told, and a large number of men are kept employed in completing it and the wharves. On the pier there is a large fish-canning establishment and a ship yard. In the latter, several vessels of various kinds and sizes have been built and others are in process of construction. Several ocean-going vessels have loaded with lumber at the wharf here for domestic and foreign ports, and at this time there are two steam ships and one large sailing vessel lying at the wharf and loading with lumber chiefly. The G. & S. I. R. R. tracks extend to the end of the pier and the cars loaded with lumber are placed on the wharf convenient for loading the vessels. I cannot take time and space to mention all the enterprises on foot and projected at this place. I may mention, however, that a large hotel, on the beach near the pier, is going up rapidly. It is claimed that when completed, it will have cost \$300,000, and will rival any hotel to be found in Mobile or New Orleans. Certain it is, that hundreds of thousands of dollars have been and are being expended in the various enterprises and improvements here, and the end is far from being in sight.

At a recent election held in this (Harrison) county, the county that was authorized to be moved from Mississippi City to Gulfport, and the Board of Supervisors have accepted a lot donated by Capt. J. T. Jones, President of the G. & S. I. R. R., for the court house grounds, and have authorized the erection of a court house to cost \$40,000, and will also build a jail to cost \$10,000. The court house is to be a fire-proof, two-story building constructed of "Bedford stone and buff pressed brick, with

terracotta trimmings and slate roof." In addition to the extensive R. R. machine shops, Gulfport is soon to have a large "Foundry and Machine Works," also a "New Brick Plant," to cost \$35,000, with a capacity of 20,000 per day. The brick will be made of white sand, lime, etc., by a new process, will be harder and more dense than the common brick, will be pure white, and will require only 24 hours to make and harden them for use.

The Board of Supervisors has acted favorably upon the application of a private company for the privilege of constructing an electric railway line along, or near the gulf coast, from Biloxi to Pass Christian. It is believed that this line will be a decided benefit to all the towns touched by it.

That the new gulf city is alive also to the importance of supplying her children with good educational advantages, is evidenced by the fact that "the city council has voted to expend \$10,000 on furnishing and improving the public school building and grounds."

Now, what shall I say of the outlook of Gulfport religiously? Truly, "the children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light." I would that I could say that interest and progress religiously keep pace with the growth and development of the town in other respects. Such, alas! is not the case. It is not because we are lacking in faithful, wise, and consecrated leadership, for that noble and true man of God, Bro. J. R. Johnston, is the pastor of the church. But, unfortunately, his home is about 150 miles from Gulfport, and he is here only two Sundays in each month. While Bro. Johnston possesses the love and confidence of the church in a very high degree, the fact that he is with them so little, precludes his giving the time and direction to the work that is so much needed, and the flock suffers much for the lack of the shepherd's presence and attention.

Strangers are constantly coming in and amongst them, Baptists from every section of our country. With no resident pastor and services only twice a month, on the second and third Sundays, these new comers fail to identify themselves with the church, and remain too often concealed in the midst of the multitude. The many peculiar conditions and difficulties in the way of Christian work here, can be understood and appreciated only by those who come here and take a careful survey of the situation. Our State Board has acted wisely in sending Bro. Johnston to this field. He is "worthy and well qualified" for this work. As it is, in spite of all the difficulties in the way, great and encouraging results have attended his labors, and about sixty have been added to the church since he took charge of this work some six months ago. But there is every reason to believe that much better results, in every way, would have been attained if he had been living here and giving his entire time to this most important field. God speed the time when he can live here and devote his whole time and energies to this work. Dr. Lipsey, bishop of the church at Clinton, was with

us not long ago and preached the gospel in its purity and power for about a week. The immediate results were not large, so far as accessions to the church is concerned, but his coming and faithful preaching was a blessing to us all and the cause. With regret the saints parted with him, and in their hearts they said, "God bless Bro. Lipsey."

Rev. John Culpepper and his sons are conducting a meeting here at this time. The writer has attended only two or three services near the beginning of the meeting, but he hears favorable reports from them and sincerely hopes good results may follow their labors here.

The Methodist pastor, Rev. W. D. Dominick, is an earnest, faithful preacher and worker, and is doing good service for Christ and humanity.

The Presbyterians are a small band, but they are setting a good example to the Baptists. They have called a pastor for all of his time and have raised a good sum towards building a house of worship.

Our Baptist church is too small and otherwise unsuited to our needs, and it will not be long before we will be compelled to arise and build a more commodious and acceptable house for the Lord. More anon.

W. M. REESE.

From Mexico City to Vera Cruz.

To reach Vera Cruz from Mexico City one goes by the Mexican Railway, a distance of 264 miles. This road was completed in 1873, and was the first one constructed in Mexico. It was built by an English company and has not only steel rails, but also steel cross-ties. It is said that the road follows, in general, the route taken by Cortez on his first visit to the Aztec capital. It passes in full view of Mexico's three greatest volcanoes, the Orizaba, 18,225 feet high, being the loftiest one on the North American continent. Twenty-eight miles out from Mexico you pass San Juan Teotihuacan station, famous for its ancient pyramids of the Sun and Moon, said to resemble those of Egypt. They are known to have existed in the year 1190 of our era, and hence were built by the Toltecs or their predecessors.

In making the last six hours run to the Gulf, there is a descent of 8,044 feet, dropping down suddenly from the temperate zone to the tropics. Beginning the descent near Esperanza Station, the train turns, twists and crawls down a serpentine track, threading a terrace or shelf cut into the mountain-side, and shooting through one tunnel after another as if attempting to escape the hot chase of a pursuer. At one place it must wind about five leagues around in order to make one down. The Indians who fail to sell out their fruits and wares at the upper station, run through on foot and beat the train, that they may drive a final bargain with the passengers. The scenery here is grand beyond description. Farther down the road passes through extensive banana fields, this plant serving a double purpose of yielding a fabulous harvest, while its large leaves protect from the tropical suns the heavily la-

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A Great Day at the Seminary.

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We had the greatest meeting today in our missionary society; it was over my privilege to attend.

It has been our custom to support one missionary. We usually fall below the mark. Last session we raised about \$350. It was thought that we ought to greatly increase our contributions. The suggestion was made by the first speaker that we ought to try to raise the salary of two missionaries, with which suggestion the subscriptions began to pour in so fast that the secretary could not write the names down.

When the subscription was completed it amounted to \$1679.50, nearly enough to pay the salary of four foreign missionaries. The subscription closed, with others desiring to be heard from, with the suggestion that they see the secretary privately. Dr. Mullins was away visiting his sick wife in Chicago. Dr. Dargen is in Europe. Dr. Bager is away for the week. It is felt to be quite certain the amount will reach \$1,700.

This subscription is made by the students and faculty with the subscription of a few pastors who were present, beside of what they do in other channels.

I never saw the presence of the Holy Spirit more manifest than in this giving.

Why do I relate this fact? That the denomination may know the spirit of this institution; the real character of the men in it; and that churches and individuals may be stirred by this, I might say almost unprecedented giving, in modern times.

O, may our people in dear old Mississippi be thoroughly filled with the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ, that they may go forward in the evangelization of this world!

One other feature of the meeting, and a capstone to what had already been done, was the stirring address delivered by Dr. H. A. Sumerall, Danyille, Ky., on "The Developing Influence of a Great Thought." Some subjects caused a man to be developed in one direction, but narrowed in others; but not so with missions. The subject broadens, deepens, and heightens one. It was Saul of Tarsus' conversion plus the spirit of world-wide evangelization that made him the man he came to be. A pastor went to a church, saying to his people, he wanted them to make it a great church. He wanted them to talk about the church, pray for it, work for it. He wanted all their work concentrated upon that church. He remained there ten years. He began with 490 members; when he left they had 1,600 members. They raised a pass for missions when he left than when he began. The salary was harder to raise than at first.

Paying no attention to the needs of a perishing world means stagnation. If a man wants his salary paid he must be a missionary pastor.

Then he asks the question, why is this missionary idea true?

1. It is divine; throughout the Bible is distinctly missionary.

2. It is a Christian doctrine in right relation. A man is not a Baptist simply because he has been baptized. There is forty times as much said in the New Testament about missions as about baptism.

He said lastly: it is the law of the soul's growth. A man is not to take care of No. 1. This idea was crucified on the cross. Stretch yourself in the name of Jesus Christ. A man had a weak voice, and got a teacher to instruct him how to make his voice stronger. At first the teacher had him to speak to him for twenty minutes at a distance of twenty-five feet away. The next day further, and so on till at last the man could converse with him at a distance of three hundred feet.

Let Christians continue to lay themselves out for the extension of our Redeemer's kingdom, is the prayer of your servant.

M. J. DERRICK.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 1, 1902.

Field Notes.

THE BAPTIST tramp has been taking a short rest, or, is it a respite to the readers of THE BAPTIST?

Anyway, the silence is broken, and he ventures to inflict his usual squibs upon the indulgent readers of THE BAPTIST. Since last heard from Hermanville, Carpenter, Utica, Raymond, and Learned have been visited. In each of these towns our cause seems to be prosperous. The new year will note quite a forward move at Hermanville. Pastor P'Pool is to give full time. The church goes from one Sabbath to full time, with pastor located in the town. Bro. P'Pool has a strong grasp on this good people. May their most sanguine wishes be realized!

Bro. Cohron, the Utica Bishop, and his faithful co-workers, are bringing things to pass. Expansion is the motto of these saints. This scribe had the pleasure of worshipping with them on the 4th Sabbath inst. as best he could. He preached the Word morning and evening. THE BAPTIST tramp found most agreeable entertainment in the pastor's home. Bro. C— and his assistant pastor know how to make the weary pilgrim restful and happy.

Carpenter has lost and Gallman has gained in the removal of Bro. Simmons. They are expecting to build a new church house here in the near future, and when completed a forward move may be looked for.

Raymond—The bishop was absent attending to the Lord's business about Chapel Hill. Capt. Ratliff took charge of ye scribe and right royal entertainment was furnished by the excellent lady who presides over his home. How gracious and charming these mothers in Israel are!

Learned—The missionary rally, held here Saturday and Sabbath, was in many respects very fine. Rev. R. A. Cohron, of Utica, Rev. S. M. Ellis, of Clinton, and Rev. P. A. Haman, of Learned, and O. M. Lucas, were the preachers in attendance. Others were expected but failed to put in their appearance. The weather was bad,

but with all the drawbacks, it was a splendid meeting. The two days were given wholly to the discussion of missions. The various phases of missions were earnestly discussed, and no doubt enlarged views of and a new impetus was given to missions. Capt. Ratliff and Prof. Brough each favored us with an inspiring speech on the Sabbath.

All the brethren acquitted themselves nobly—excepting the writer's performances—all was first class. But now my paper is out. "So long."

O. M. LUCAS.

Church Building Fund.

At the last State Convention the committee on Church Building submitted a recommendation in their report to the effect that in the month of December, or such time as might be thought best in each church, that our people be asked to contribute to the cause of church building in our State. Five months of the Convention year have passed, and not one church has been heard from on this recommendation. The month of December is here, and it is probable that plans will be put into operation that will result largely in this direction. Why may we not have a united effort to this end? It is possible to put our cause in this united effort far in advance all over the State, where now a few, a feeble little band, are making heroic effort to build a house for the Lord. There are a number of just such places and a little help will not only help materially, but will so hearten them as to make their effort a success. One much loved pastor in the State is able to tell how, a few years ago, a one hundred dollar check came when the people were expecting to have their personal contributions returned to them and the failure of the enterprise announced, and the tide was turned, the people heartened, and the house completed in a few weeks, the cause saved by that one hundred dollars.

Brethren, listen to the recommendation of your committee. Remember your own endorsement when you voted for the recommendation. I do not know that it is necessary to insist now on a large collection from the churches, but a united effort which will result in something like \$25.00 from the churches that usually give \$100.00 or thereabout for missions, making the contributions in this way about one-fourth of the usual mission contribution. If pastors will go privately among the members with a statement of this kind, after having made public announcement and having taken the mind of the church on it, it will surprise us to see what will be accomplished. Then there are brethren of means who are always interested in the building of Baptist churches, and I want to ask these especially, if your pastor does not, to give a hand here and send a liberal contribution, and thus demonstrate, not only your interest in this matter, but demonstrate what a large liberality will do in the building up of our cause in these weak places.

A. V. ROWE.

To the Baptist Sunday-Schools of Mississippi.

Many of you know that as one of our evangelizing agencies in our State we have now working in the interest of Sunday-schools a Sunday-school Missionary. He will sorely need the co-operation and help of all our Sunday-schools that are already at work. I hope the Superintendents of schools will help him as he goes about the work. I hope teachers will have him in mind, and extend such help as they will be able to give. I hope fathers and mothers in whose interests his work is launched so as to make the Sunday-school a greater factor in the salvation and training of your children for Christ, will help him in his work. You ask how can I help? Attend the meetings which he will hold in your communities and with your church school. Throw yourself heart and soul into these meetings to get all the good for yourself out of them, and have your children attend them. Talk with him freely on matters pertaining to your school or class, or to your children as you have opportunity and as affects the Sunday-school attendance. If you have no school in your church get him if possible to come and help you work up one, mind you, *help you work up one*. Do not expect him to do all the work in organizing while you stand off to see how well it is done, or how badly it is done, and then go away to criticize, and to pull down that others are trying to build up.

Now let me have one word more. I do not see why the Sunday-schools of our State cannot do largely in helping to support this work. Yes; I am sure if Superintendents and teachers will say to the schools, as one or two have already done, "Let us send a contribution to the Sunday-school work of the Board," they will find it just as easy to have the children trained to give to this object as to give to the support of the Orphans. Will you not set apart one month to this object and thus help in the organization of more Sunday-schools in the State, and also help to make those already organized more efficient.

A. V. ROWE.

Louisiana Items and Opinions.

We read with a degree of pleasure on this side of the great river of the aggressive movements and the successful results of Mississippi Baptists. Among other agencies that are helpful to the onward progress of the Master's cause in your State THE BAPTIST is not a minor one. Such paper consecrates, stimulates and educates.

Some changes are taking place in the affairs of Louisiana Baptists. Elder W. L. Smith of Park View Church, Shreveport, goes to Rolla, Missouri and Missionary A. L. Johnson, of Alexandria, has been called to follow Bro. Smith at Park View. We expect great things of Bro. Johnson there. As noted in your paper, Elder Bruce Benton has resigned at Baton Rouge. It is hopeful that he will not leave the State. He has been a prime factor among Louisiana Baptists for several years.

Our mission fields are encouraging. Two new churches just organized. This makes six new churches organized and fostered by the State Board in the last year. Many other fields white unto the harvest are waiting. No other State Board has a greater door opened unto it for great missionary work, if the means were in hand. But it is encouraging to note the leading of the Divine Spirit and the approval of the brother in the present work.

The Baptist Chronicle has finally passed into the hands of a stock company. The first of January a meeting will be held of the stockholders, when doubtless an editor-in-chief will be elected. Elder R. M. Boone, the former editor for fifteen years, is doing some evangelistic work. His plans for the future are unknown to the writer, but whatever they may be, will be found true in Baptist ranks.

Elder J. T. Barret is in the field in the interest of the Orphanage now being erected at Lake Charles. He is moving things in this department of work among Louisiana Baptists and prophecies early success.

Our colleges are gradually rising to higher ground. The attendance is encouraging and the future is hopeful. The educational boom launched at the State Convention in July at Minden, to raise a partial endowment for Mt. Lebanon, has not made much progress; but Dr. J. R. Edwards will soon undertake this work, and that means success.

Our work at Monroe is forging to the front. Our congregations have outgrown the house and have the problem of more room before us. The Master's cause here needs a new fifteen thousand dollar house, but as we do not know where to find that much money, we will try to remodel and enlarge the present edifice so that it will in a measure meet the demand.

J. S. EDMONDS.

Monroe, La.

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Norton Hall, Dec. 2, 1902.

DEAR BRETHREN:

The action of our Seminary Missionary Society at its missionary day service yesterday is of such general interest and may be of such far-reaching importance that I take the liberty of communicating the facts to you. Let them serve as the basis for whatever editorial deliverance seems to you proper. The facts are:

1. Some weeks ago Dr. Willingham informed our Student Volunteer Band that he could see no prospect of the Board's being able to send out four of our most excellent men who are to graduate in June and wish to go at once to the foreign field. He stated that the proposed \$200,000.00 to be raised the current year will be necessary to sustain the work on its present basis without adding any further missionaries.

2. Since then the Volunteers have been praying and consulting with the result that they determined to make every possible effort to assist in making the going of these men possible.

3. Yesterday, after two or three very brief speeches, a spontaneous subscription was taken in the Missionary Society, amounting to \$1700.00, with perhaps at least \$100.00 to be added yet. For enthusiasm, determination and spiritual power this meeting was one of the greatest I have ever known.

4. It is hoped that this generous, even wonderful, gift of our students out of their poverty will so arouse our Baptist people throughout the South as to cause them speedily to put into the hands of our Board means sufficient to enable them to say that these brethren shall be sent.

5. These four men who wish to go next summer and fall are of the very flower of our student body, with thorough training in colleges, and all of them to be full graduates of the Seminary. One of them is to open an entirely new field if the resources of the Board shall justify this extension of its work.

I should like to add many things by way of comment, but feel sure that these facts will speak for themselves, and that you will be better prepared to add suitable comments than am I.

The absence of President Mullins from the city accounts for my having the temporary presidency of the Missionary Society and so writing you instead of him.

Fraternally yours,

W. O. CARVER.

Liberty.

We closed a few days meeting here last Thursday night. It was somewhat unexpected with us. The interest being good last Sunday, the people said go on through the week and so we did the best we could under the circumstances.

The results were not large—two by letter and two by experience and a splendid collection on Thanksgiving for the orphans. Others, we believe, will follow.

The outlook here is indeed most hopeful and encouraging. No people ever received their pastor more warmly or stood by him more unitedly. We are making splendid progress, the work is on the up-grade. Our contributions and pledges have reached the neighborhood of \$1,200.00 during the year. Pretty good for a small church. The pastor hasn't been forgotten either, but is almost paid up for the year. Pray for us brethren; as we labor for the Master.

Fraternally,

J. B. QUIN.

Holly Springs Church.

Last Sunday was a great day in the history of Holly Springs church. I preached to a large and attention congregation. A collection was taken for the orphans at Jackson, amounting to \$5.50 cash, with some other offerings. The church also resolved to do about \$100.00 worth of repair work on the house.

The blessings of the Lord rest upon the orphans and THE BAPTIST.

Fraternally,

J. J. JUSTICE

Partial Descriptive List of Our Books.

- Back to Bethel. F. B. Meyer. .15.
 Absolute Surrender. Andrew Murray. .15.
 All of Grace. C. H. Spurgeon. .15.
 The Lost Crown. J. W. Chapman. .15.
 Thought for the Quiet Hour. L. Moody. .15.
 Honey from Strange Hives. H. Miller. .25.
 From the Ball Room to Hell. By a dancing master. .25.
 Modern Dancing. W. W. Gardner, D. D. .25.
 The Mormons and Their Bible. A. T. Lamb. .25.
 American Baptist Year Book. .25.
 Church Roll and Record. Gives entire satisfaction. \$1.50.
 The Speiden's Treasurer's Record. \$1.50.
 Convention Sunday School Record. \$1.00.
 The Sunday School Register and Minute Book. .85.
 The Church and Her Ordinances. .20.
 The Cow Pea. .30.
 The Covenant of Works and the Covenant of Grace. Rev. John P. Hembry. .25.
 Dawn of Christianity. H. C. Vedder. .90.
 Atonement of Christ. J. M. Hendleton. .90.
 History of Baptist Churches in the United States. A. H. Newman. \$1.25.
 A Short History of Baptists. C. Vedder. .25 and .50.
 The Life of Adoniram Judson. Edward Judson, D. D. \$1.25.
 Adoniram Judson. Abridged by son. .90.
 Pilgrim's Progress. Cheap bindings. Prices 15c., 25c. and 35c.
 Pilgrim's Progress. Bunyan. Cloth. \$1.00.
 Pilgrim's Progress. Bunyan. Gilt. \$1.25.
 Messages of Today to the Men of Tomorrow. G. C. Lorimer. \$1.50.
 Ann H. Judson. James D. Howles. .75.
 Geikie's Life of Christ. Geikie. Extra binding. \$1.00.
 Pushing to the Front. O. S. Morden. \$1.50.
 Three Reasons. J. M. Pendleton, D. D. .60.
 The College of Apostles. James I. Vance, D. D. .75.
 Distinguishing Doctrines of the Baptists. J. B. Moody, D. D. .75.
 Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch. \$1.00.
 A First Century Message to a Twentieth Century Church. G. Campbell Morgan, D. D. \$1.00.
 Daniel in the Critic's Den. S. Robert Anderson. \$1.25.
 Friendship. Hugh Black. \$1.25.
 A Century of Baptist Achievement. A. H. Newman, D. D. \$1.50.
 Preaching in the New Age. A. Lyman. .75.
 Problems of the Town Church. G. A. Miller. .75.
 The Integrity of Scripture. Rev. John Smith, D. D. \$1.25.
 Lordship of Jesus. M. H. Leon. .50.
 Bible Criticism and the Average Man. Howard Agnew Johnson. \$1.00.
 An Uncrowned Queen. The Story of the Life of Frances E. Willard. Mrs. B. B. Babcock. .75.
 Here a Little and There a Little. .50.
 Through a Looking Glass and What Alice Saw There. .50.
 Culture and Restraint. Hugh Black. \$1.50.
 The Life of John. Weed. .75.
 The Life of Peter. Weed. .75.
 Ways of Working. Schauffel. \$1.00.
 Jo a Nilfax. .50.

Any one of the following valuable books will be mailed upon receipt of 40 cents. These are not only valuable but beautiful, and will be an ornament in any book case:

- Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin.
 Autocrat of the Breakfast Table. Holmes.
 Antony and Cleopatra. Shakespeare.
 Bacon's Essays.
 Beecher's Addresses.
 Chesterfield's Letters, Sentences and Maxims.
 Crown of Wild Olives. Ruskin.
 Discourses. Epictetus.
 Emerson's Essays, First Series.
 Emerson's Essays, Second Series.
 Endymion. Keats.
 Ethics of the Dust. Ruskin.
 Evangeline. Longfellow.
 Greek Heroes. Kingsley.
 Gulliver's Travels. Swift.
 Heroes and Hero Worship. Carlyle.
 Hiawatha, the Song of. Longfellow.
 Holmes' Poems.
 Hyperion. Longfellow.
 In Black and White. Kipling.
 In Memoriam. Tennyson.
 Imitation of Christ. Thomas A' Kempis.
 In His Steps. Sheldon.
 Lady of the Lake. Scott.
 Lalla Rookh. Moore.
 Little Lame Prince. Mulock.
 Lucile. Meredith.
 Line Upon Line.
 Marmion. Scott.
 Milton's Poems.
 Paradise Lost. Milton.
 Paradise Regained. Milton.
 Pleasures of Life. Lubbock.
 Plutarch's Lives.
 Poe's Poems.
 Prince of the House of David. Ingraham.
 Peep of Day.
 Precept Upon Precept.
 Rip Van Winkle. Irving.
 Samantha at Saratoga. Holley.
 Sartor Resartus. Carlyle.
 Scarlet Letter, The. Hawthorne.
 Shakespeare's Heroines. Jameson.
 Sesame and Lilies. Ruskin.
 She Stoops to Conquer. Goldsmith.
 Thoughts. Marcus Aurelius.
 Tom Brown's School Days. Hughes.

Please preserve this List for future reference.

Dr. Tichenor.

This distinguished Christian man passed away in Atlanta, at noon, Tuesday, Dec. 2, 1902. His life is intimately interwoven with Southern Baptist history. To him more than to any other man in recent years, has been due that spirit of missions which now prevails throughout our Southern country. His earnest words and burning eloquence sometimes reaching almost prophetic fervor, as he went here and there among the Conventions, aroused our people to the possibilities of the South in the industrial development that he saw was sure to come. He urged the putting of ourselves in line with these developments years before they were living realities, and by pressing the cause of missions occupy

centres of influence, and push out the lines far into the west. It was his earnest work that gave us the first place in Cuban evangelism. It was his to bring to the cause of Home Missions that co operative feature that puts it in touch with all our states' work, and so help in the most practical way all the work of the denomination, by a system of correlation that will in coming years show itself our most potential factor in advancing the interests of our Redeemer's kingdom.

At our last Convention, mention was made of his feeble health, and at a motion, the corresponding secretary was instructed to convey to him some expression of our sympathy. This was done, and the following letter will be read with interest, as it shows so much appreciation of the "old man eloquent" of his brethren and how he loved them.

A. V. ROWE.

LETTER.

ATLANTA, GA., JULY 31, 1902.

Rev. A. V. Rowe, Winona, Miss.:

DEAR BROTHER—The letter written to me at the request of your convention, reached me a day or two ago. I was deeply touched by the expressions of tender regard in which you clothed the desires of your brethren of the convention. Some how it has fallen to my lot to be brought close to my brethren in Mississippi. My first connection with mission work was as agent of the Indian Mission Association for that State. My first missionary speech was made before the convention of your state, in Hernando, in 1847. My boyish appearance excited the surprise of that body, that I should have been appointed by the Board of the Indian Mission Association to represent that popular cause. My first speech after I became secretary of the Home Mission Board was made before the Mississippi Convention in 1882. I was pastor in Columbus for about two years. It was the first pastorate I ever held, and one of the most pleasant and successful.

There are many who have been called to their homes on high who have left the odors of Christian love in my heart. Too many to repeat their names in this brief letter, but not too many to excite assurance and joy at the meeting in the great beyond.

As occasion may offer, present my kindest Christian regards to these soldiers of the cross, and tell them that the "Old Veteran" whose marches and battles, whose defeats and triumphs are almost ended, bears with him undying love to them until they see the King in his beauty and gather, an unbroken host, around the rainbow girdled throne.

Your brother,

I. T. TICHENOR.

Where?

Apropos to the suggestion of L. A. D., as to the importance of giving the location of churches, when referred to in papers. I would respectfully ask in what city and State Wall Street Church mentioned in a notice in THE BAPTIST, is located?

J. R. SAMPLE.

Summit, Miss., Nov. 30, 1902.

Tidings From Okolona.

DEAR BRO. BAILEY:

I expect some of the brethren and sisters of the State are wondering what we are doing at Okolona, as very little is said about us in the papers, but I want to tell you that we are trying to serve the Lord here in our own quiet way, and I believe He is with us and for us. Under the able pastorate of Bro. E. Rosborne, who has faithfully served us during the past 12 months the church has been greatly revived and strengthened and we have a good congregation at every service, a large Sunday-school and an interesting young people's union, an excellent and well attended prayermeeting and our two Ladies Missionary Societies are doing a good work, and my brother, although we feel that we have done well this year, we are determined to do more next year for our Masters' cause. So desirous were our people that we should have the leadership of our pastor (who has so faithfully and fearlessly labored for and with us during the past year), that they with the call for another year increased his salary, and I am glad to say that he has agreed to stay with us and carry out the good he has started.

We had a well attended Thanksgiving service in our church which was participated in by the pastor and people of the other two churches in town and it was truly a service of Thanks to an alwise and protecting Heavenly Father. Surely we have great cause to thank Him; for all we have and are, are His.

Bro. M. K. Thornton of Starkville, was with us and preached for us today.

Yours,

E. P. HAWKINS.

Okolona, Miss., Nov. 30th.

Providience, Yazoo County.

A fifth Sunday meeting was set here. We were rained out Saturday—at least no one came but a few near the church. Good brethren went to Tinsly and Valley Station to meet brethren "from a distance," but they remained in the "distance," and the "good brethren" went back home.

Sunday was cold and cloudy, yet, Brethren S. G. Cooper, T. J. Burks, and the writer were present to preach, talk, pray and confer. Bro. Cooper preached to a full house, a fine sermon on missions and took a nice collection at close for same. A repast was then spread showing abundant preparation on the part of the people for the occasion.

After dinner, Bro. Burks made a splendid talk on importance of fifth Sunday meetings and how and why people should be interested in them. A sense of the congregation was then taken as to whether another was desired to be held in this part of the "moral vineyard," the affirmative was unanimous. A vote then followed to request the Executive Committee to locate the next in these parts at Concord.

Some further discussions on business and adjournment followed with all feeling it was good to be in the "house of the Lord." It is thought much and lasting good was done in those few brief hours.

J. E. PHILLIPS.

Poplarville.

I had the pleasure of working with Pastor J. T. Dale for ten days in a protracted meeting at Poplarville. I believe there were 16 additions.

Bro. Dale has a fine hold of his work. He is admired by his people as a fine preacher. It will not be long before the church decides to have preaching for all the time.

Poplarville is the center of the work of Prof. Thames in educational lines. The school is a great honor to Poplarville and a positive blessing to all the surrounding country.

Sincerely,

I. P. TROTTER.

Meeting at Shubuta.

I thought Dr. Hackett would write up the meeting but I have seen no account of it so far.

On Saturday night before the 4th Lord's day in October, Dr. E. B. Miller of West Point, commenced a meeting. Dr. Hackett the pastor, preached the night before. The meeting closed Wednesday, Nov. 12th. Evangelist Miller did fine preaching, plain, pointed and Scriptural. Up to Wednesday morning sixteen had joined for baptism and five by letter. On Wednesday at 11 o'clock they were baptized. At night while the right hand of church fellowship was being given to the members, W. W. Halsell, a Presbyterian brother, gave his hand for baptism and he followed his Savior in baptism on Thursday morning, which made twenty-two additions.

W. H. PATTON.

Shubuta, Miss., Nov. 27, 1902.

What are those large boxes seen almost daily going to and from the freight depots in our busy city? Why, they are boxes which contain pianos and organs going to and from Patton & White's music emporium at 318 East Capitol street. When in the city, do not fail to call on them, examine their fine line of musical instruments and talk with them. They are affable gentlemen and will take great pains to show you their goods and give you all desired information in their line of business. We travel all over the State, and find their pianos and organs almost everywhere we go. It is gratifying to hear on every hand expressions of entire satisfaction with the instruments sold by these gentlemen. Considering the large amount of satisfaction and entertainment afforded by a good organ or piano and the low prices at which they are now sold, it is a wonder that one or the other is not found in every home. Write to this wide-awake firm for styles and prices of goods.

Indianola.

Rev. Fred D. Hale has just closed a two week's meeting with us. The results were fourteen additions, only two of this number were by baptism, one the head of a family, the other a young lawyer of much promise. Bro. Hale's presence with us was a benediction to our church and community. He

is an ideal evangelist, neglecting not to declare the whole counsel of God. He knows how to preach our peculiar doctrines in a way that will win men to them. His visit was peculiarly pleasant to me in renewing the happy acquaintances of other days. He has a number of meetings in the State. I hope we can keep him employed for twelve months. In truth we are making a strong effort to locate him in our midst.

Fraternally,

E. T. MOBBERLY.

Indianola, Miss.

Lumberton and Poplarville.

LUMBERTON.

Rev. J. P. Culpepper has accepted the call here and will be in his new field by the first of January. 43 members were received into this church on last 3rd Sunday. 30 of these by baptism. 3 others were received by baptism on yesterday, 1st Sunday.

POPLARVILLE.

We closed a ten days meeting here on the 21st ult. The gospel was preached in its purity and power by our beloved brother, I. P. Trotter. It was a great meeting—large congregations, the church greatly revived, and 16 additions. During the meeting, young brother Luther Holcomb, now in Mississippi College, and a son of Rev. W. B. Holcomb, was granted license to preach.

The prayers and best wishes of pastor and people go with Bro. Trotter, whom we learned to love during his brief stay among us.

J. T. DALE.

Blue Mountain, Miss.

Our meeting has been going on a week. Bro. W. T. Lowrey doing the preaching. There have been about thirty professions up to the present. Yesterday thirteen joined for baptism. The interest is still great, the people are praying, and sinners are repenting. Our people are delighted to have Bro. Lowrey with them again. He has done some of the very best preaching of his life.

Fraternally,

J. N. McMILLIN.

Judicious Advertising.

A handsome new publication has just reached us which bears the name Judicious advertising. It is published by Lord & Thomas, the well-known advertising agents of Chicago and New York, and is thoroughly representative of the high-standing and enterprise of this concern.

Judicious Advertising discusses publicity problems in plain and practical language. It divests these questions of the mystery and vagueness in which they are too often shrouded, and "speaks right out in meeting" in a sane and sensible manner.

Judicious Advertising will prove of benefit to the smallest advertiser as well as the magnate with the annual appropriation of half-a-million.

It is emphatically and distinctly worth the reader's while.

Convention Board Receipts for Sept. and Oct.

Aberdeen Association—Pleasant Grove—Foreign Missions \$1.50.
Bogue Chitto Association—State missions \$14.35; foreign missions 44.25, general missions 9.30.
Bogue Chitto—State missions \$12.30, foreign missions 10.
Moak's Creek—Foreign missions 16.05.
Mt. Zion—General missions 12.70.
Silver Springs—General missions 18.35.
East McComb's—S. m. Calhoun Association: F. m. 5.70.
Carey Association—S. m. 50, F. m. 68.25.
H. S. Archer and wife—F. m. 5, H. m. 10, F. m. 10.
Copiah County Association—S. m. 43.50, H. m. 38.65, F. m. 39.90.
County Line—S. m. 14, H. m. 7.55.
Crystal Springs—H. m. 10.
Chester Association—S. m. 5, h. m. 14.60, f. m. 21.35.
Beulah Association—S. m. 3.40.
Central Association: H. m. 61.90.
Madison—S. m. 5, f. m. 25.
Edwards S. S.—G. m. 1.
Lula—S. m. 10.
Chickasaw Association: Harmony—F. m. 8.60.
Enterprise—S. m. 6.25.
South Side—S. m. 5.85.
Poplar Springs—S. m. 3.
Buckatuna—H. m. 27.41.
Fairfield—F. m. 3.15.
Mt. Zion—H. m. 6.65.
Seventh Avenue—H. m. 2, f. m. 2.75.
Union—S. m. 8, h. m. 8, f. m. 8.50.
Quitman—S. m. 5, h. m. 5.95, f. m. 5.
Pleasant Grove—H. m. 2.50.
Concord—H. m. 1.35, f. m. 1.40.
DeSoto—S. m. 2, h. m. 2, f. m. 4.
New Hope—S. m. 1.75.
Pachuta—H. m. 5.60, f. m. 4.45.
Chickasaw Association—S. m. 2, h. m. 13.95, f. m. 27.6, g. m. 16.10.
Cold Water Association—S. m. 159.10, h. m. 98.10, f. m. 171.77.
Ebenezer—S. m. 9.
Senatobia—H. m. 25.2.
Sardis—G. m. 25.59.
Holly Springs—S. m. 2.
Mt. Pleasant—S. m. 1, h. m. 3.25, f. m. 3.25.
Salem—S. m. 5.
Strayhorn—S. m. 10.

Evansville—S. m. 5.75.
Looxahoma—S. m. 9.
Columbus Association—S. m. 20, h. m. 22.30, f. m. 21.35.
Bethel—G. m. 12.18.
New Bethel and S. S.—S. m. 40.08, h. m. 1.75, f. m. 1.50.
Mt. Zion—S. m. 3.30.
Pleasant Hill—S. m. 5.80, h. m. 1.
Starkville—H. m. 10.
Pearson's Chapel—G. m. 5.10.
W. S. Coleman—S. m. 6.50, f. m. 6.50.
Harmony—H. m. 2.50, f. m. 2.50.
New Salem—S. m. 2.50, h. m. 2.50.
Macon—S. m. 15.50.
Deer Creek Association—S. m. 13.50, h. m. 4.75, f. m. 2.
Greenville—S. m. 38.80.
Drew—F. m. 5.
Itta Bena—S. m. 16.
Maryland—S. m. 9.50.
Belzona—S. m. 5.
Jones Bayou—S. m. 10.
Bear Creek—S. m. 2.85.
Cleveland—H. m. 22.50.
Leland—H. m. 72.
Lincoln County Association: Union Hall—G. m. 7.71.
Arlington—G. m. 3.70.
Fair River—H. m. 8.93.
Gulf Coast Association: Handsboro—S. m. 3, h. m. 4, f. m. 2.
Ocean Springs—S. m. 2.
Hobolo Chitto Association—S. m. 8.25, h. m. 9.60, f. m. 6.71, g. m. 25.15.
Union—F. m. 4.
Harmony Association—S. m. 109.55, h. m. 47.40, f. m. 59.85, g. m. 9.50.
Cedar Grove—S. m. 1.
Hopewell Association: Forest—S. m. 7.15.
Bethlehem—H. m. 2.75.
Judson Association—S. m. 14.92, h. m. 17.92, f. m. 26.32.
Center Hill—H. m. 4.90, f. m. 4.90.
Kosciusko Association—S. m. 60.87, h. m. 38.95, f. m. 37.65.
First Church, Jackson—H. m. 23.50.
Hopewell Association—H. m. 8.55.
Harrinton—S. m. 85.
Pilgrims Rest—S. m. 1.85.
Stump Bridge—S. m. 1.05.
County Line—S. m. 13.55.
Samaria—H. m. 10.10.
Lebanon Association—S. m. 24.50, h. m. 10, f. m. 28.75.
Lumberton—F. m. 7.10.
Burvis—S. m. 1.50.
Milisville—H. m. 52.
Lawrence County Association—S. m. 99.85, h. m. 60.26, f. m. 94.95, g. m. 353.04.
Lauderdale County Association: Meridian First Church—H. m. 33, f. m. 130.85.

Louisville Association—S. m. 7.20, h. m. 7.05, f. m. 11.35, g. m. 8.55.
Mt. Carmel—F. m. 3.70.
Hopewell—S. m. 10.
Leaf River Association: Sand Hill—F. m. 7.50.
Pleasant Hill—F. m. 2.50.
Mississippi Association—S. m. 29.20, h. m. 20, f. m. 18.47.
Liberty—S. m. 14.50.
East Fork—S. m. 10.10.
Bethlehem—F. m. 7.05.
New Salem—G. m. 6.15.
Mt. Olive—S. m. 9, h. m. 7, f. m. 5.05.
Gillsburg—F. m. 22.25.
Hebron—S. m. 26.
Sarepta—S. m. 2, f. m. 2.10.
Oxford Association—S. m. 13.60, h. m. 9.90, f. m. 3.60, g. m. 34.20.
Tocowa—S. m. 5.
Pearl Leaf Association—G. m. 344.74.
Society Hill—S. m. 37.40.
Central—S. m. 14.50.
Concord—S. m. 6.60.
Pearl River Association—S. m. 38.60, h. m. 17.10, f. m. 59.40.
Columbia—H. m. 6.
Rankin County Association—S. m. 5, h. m. 14.10, f. m. 11, g. m. 6.35.
Clear Creek—F. m. 6.
Rock Bluff—G. m. 7.50.
County Line—F. m. 4.
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Books for Girls.

The writer in one of the literary reviews laments the dearth at present of books for girls, concluding by the observation that nobody except Miss Alcott has ever written successfully for them. He forgets Mrs. A. D. T. Whitney and Susan Coolidge, who have each given girls very charming and profitable stories, and he has also overlooked a recent novel by George Cary Eggleston, "Dorothy South," which, though not advertised as a book for girls, is still wonderfully adapted to their needs. A sweeter heroine has not lately appeared in print. The fact is, that girls like boys' books, and find in the ordinary bright, clever, and dramatic tales meant for their brothers a great deal that appeals to themselves.—Mrs. Sangster, in Christian Intelligence.

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Home Reading

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 Tuesday 16. Stilling the tempest. Mark 4:35-41.
 Wednesday 17. The demoniac of Gadara. Mark 5:1-20.
 Thursday 18. Daughter of Jairus raised from the dead. Mark 5:21-43.
 Friday 19. Two blind men and a dumb demoniac. Matthew 9:27-34.
 Saturday 20. Jesus rejected a second time at Nazareth. Mark 6:1-6.
 Sunday 21. Prayer Meeting. Christmas: Its Message and Motive. Luke 2:1-20; John 3:14-17.
 S. S. Lesson. Samuel the Seer. 1 Samuel 7:2-13; or, Christmas Lesson. Luke 2:8-20.

—Did you take "that" collection?" If not do so next Sunday and send the proceeds to treasurer Burr Greenwood, Miss., at once.

—The Kentuckians have just had a great meeting at Dayton, where they discussed the spiritual significance of the ordinances of baptism and supper.

—Los Angeles churches have organized a city union which is doing much in the way of creating interest in the work.

—The eleventh annual session of the Connecticut B. Y. P. U. was held last week at Hartford, where some real, solid work was done.

—The "rattle" period has fully passed now, and the throng has settled down to a good hard work, studying the Bible and missions, and the general and specific activities of the churches.

—"If, at first, you do not succeed, try, try again!" is a good old rule that will apply to the situation in your union exactly. Reorganize it. You talk it to death before, try singing and praying this time, limit every prayer, by a gentle suggestion, to one and a half minutes.

—It is much better to use five prayers of two minutes each than it is to have one of ten minutes long—as a rule, this is true for all men except the Springfield. But they are very scarce in this country. The point is, be brief and to the point with what you have to say, in this work anyhow.

—One of the Atlanta pastors preached four Sunday mornings in succession, taking his subject from the first of "The Christian Life" series now appearing in The Baptist Union. And if some of our Mississippi preachers would nail up their dry

musty "barrel," for a short space of about six months, and do likewise there would be heard the sound of a going not in the mulberry trees, but of the tramp of the multitude making their way to church. Try it, once anyhow, just for a change.

—Here is a suggestion that will be helpful to all who need its help, whose name is legion, from the best information received at this end of the line:—

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Inquiries are often received concerning methods of conducting the Christian Culture classes. Your Secretary dropped in on one of these classes recently and will give the readers of The Union the benefit of his observations.

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Deaths.

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Mrs. Etta Elford Goodlett.

Wife of Dr. M. L. Goodlett, of Tupelo, Miss., died after a protracted illness, November 23, 1902. She was a daughter of Col. Elford, founder of Kind Words, Sunday School paper established in Greenville, S. C.

Sister Goodlett was born in Greenville, S. C., October 20, 1845. She was converted and joined the Greenville Baptist Church in early life and was baptized by Jas. P. Boyce, and by him was united in happy wedlock to her husband, January 25, 1867. They settled in Chesterville, Miss., where they resided till they moved to Tupelo, Miss., in 1878.

She was faithful and zealous in all the relations of life, as daughter, wife, mother and friend. She was organist of the Tupelo Baptist Church for a number of years. The songs selected by her were appropriate, her singing animating or sympathetic, always characterized by a sweetness of expression that was deeply spiritual.

She has left an afflicted husband, two noble sons, Charlie and Frank. The former married and has a most interesting and manly little son, named Elford Goodlett. To these can be added many friends whom she left behind and the church she loved so well.

She was a prominent factor in both the social and religious circles of Tupelo, ever interested in all true progress.

"Life's race well run,
 Life's work well done,
 Life's crown well won,
 Now comes rest."

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord... they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

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L. R. B. RRESS.

Oak Lawn, Nov. 25, 1902.

Lesley Fitzgerald.

Died November 15, 1902, at his home near Corraza, Lee county, Miss. He was born and reared near Wallerville, Miss., converted and joined Liberty Baptist Church in early life. He was married to Miss Nora Galoway, of Camp Creek Baptist Church, where he placed his membership.

He sought first as to time and importance, the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, trusting the "exceeding great and precious promises" given by the Master to such. This promise was verified to him, and he, laying up treasures in heaven, made sure of a heavenly reward. He was consistent and faithful in his "heavenly calling."

A few days before his departure he said, "In my heart there is no sin." "I love God and men." To such the Master saith: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." He was gentle as he was pure. One who had been much associated with him said, "I never heard Lesley speak a word that was unbecoming a gentleman, or that would not be fit to utter in the presence of the most refined ladies." Truly he was Christianized, and prepared for the more expanded life beyond, to which he was called in early manhood. He has left

fond and loving parents, brothers and sisters, and friends, and above all a beloved wife, well fitted to serve as helpmeet for one so true and noble as he. He leaves with her two bright little sons, the embodiment of great possibilities. May they ever be the hope, stay and comfort of their bereaved mother.

He was laid to rest in the church yard at Wallerville, Miss.

"We weep as one by one we lay
 Our brethren with the garnered host,
 But greatly the ages say,
 No saintly life was ever lost."

L. R. B. RRESS, Pastor.

Julia G. Temple Bostic.

Sister Julia Bostic was born in the State of North Carolina in January 19 1844, and was married to T. G. Bostic, of North Carolina, December 8, 1869. She removed with her husband and family from her native State to Lauderdale county, Miss., and settled near Meridian about ten years before her death, which occurred April 15th, 1902. She was a member of the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church near her home, where her husband and children were members with her. She joined the church rather late in life, being baptized with her youngest son, by Rev. S. O. Y. Ray, about nine years before her death. She had entertained a hope in Christ for many years before connecting herself with the church. She was punctual in the discharge of her duties as a member of the church, and enjoyed with exceptional intelligence and spiritual fervor the preaching and prayer services of her church. She was an intelligent, devout and humble Christian, having a zeal tempered with much wisdom in her Christian activity. She was generous in her sympathies, and noble in all her purposes. She was a model wife and mother, and honored both positions with all the ardor of her womanly nature. She was one with her husband in all his efforts whether secular or religious, whether in accumulating this world's possessions or in dispensing the good things of life to others, as they had need. She was to him both an inspiration and a helper. Her children were the objects of her best affections, and filled her life with joy. She was to them a guide, an inspiration and a comfort.

She was a friend to the poor, and succored them with the material possessions with which God had favored her. She visited the sick, the widow and the orphan, and lent a helping hand to all who needed her care. Her life was a felt blessing to her friends and her death a personal bereavement. The influence which she has left behind is a benediction. She is not, for God has taken her. We have lost her only for a while, for we sorrow not as those who have no hope.

R. A. V.

Meridian, Miss.
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Married.

Goodrum—Branan.

At the residence of the groom's parents, in Warren county, on November 15th, Mr. B. G. Goodrum and Miss Clemon Branam, of Vicksburg.

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S. M. E.

Hughey-Slocum.

On the Second day of Dec. 1902, at the

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Lewis-Mabry.

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Program.

December, 1902.

Subject—China.

MEMORY THOUGHTS: "No church bound up in itself can prosper. It is like the Dead Sea which all the waters of the Jordan cannot sweeten because it has no outlet."

1. SELECTED HYMNS—Music is an important factor in an ideal meeting. Interesting facts: At the baptism of Carey's first convert (Krishna Pal) the hymn sung was "Jesus and shall I never be a mortal man ashamed of Thee." In 1862 a wondrous event occurred in the South Sea islands, the turning of 5,000 natives from heathenism to Christianity. On this occasion the hymn sung was "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun flows his successive," etc.

2. PRAISE for the gift of God's Son, for the progress of His Kingdom.

3. LIGHT FOR THE WORLD.—1 John 1:5; Genesis 1:3; Psalm 36:9; John 1:12; Matthew 5:14; Ephesians 5:8; 2 Corinthians 4:6; Isaiah 60:1-2; Daniel 12:3.

4. FLASH LIGHTS ON CHINA—Furnished by different members, each reading one division of the leaflet, "China as a Mission Field," by Rev. E. Z. Simmons.

5. HYMN—"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

6. LEAFLET—"The Women of China," by Adele Fielde.

7. CHAIN OF PRAYER for the work in China, with thanksgiving for 484 baptisms by our missionaries last year and 26 new missionaries appointed.

8. BUSINESS, Collection, etc.

9. ARRANGE FOR OBSERVANCE OF THE WEEK OF PRAYER—Christmas offering of last year, \$6,088.17; this year \$8,100 is asked. If each will give "as God hath prospered," it will easily be raised. Send to State Central Committee for Christmas literature.

10. IN CLOSING read Psalm 84 in concert.

A Plea for the Christmas Offering.

ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG.

"Joy to the World, the Lord has come." Joy is the key-note of our faith and thus it is in striking contrast to the dark, superstitious, doubtful forms of paganism which minister to terror, fear and the baser passions of human nature.

It is true that Christians are not exempt from sorrow, but the "joy of the Lord" is an unfading source of strength. Previous indeed is the thought that no external circumstances can control the freedom of the soul, take away the consciousness of God's

love of pardoned sin, of fellowship with Him, the joy which gives "beauty for ashes, the garments of praise for the spirit of heaviness." Before parting with His loved ones, our Savior impressed the thought that there are degrees of joy, fullness of joy, being the result of fruit bearing. Remembering His loved ones, and looking forward to the Christmas tide, the Corresponding Secretary of Woman's Missionary Union asks the attention of our workers to two needed efforts by which God may be glorified and our joy increased:

(1) Let us send the Joy of Knowledge to those in China. "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people," was the message of the angels. How many times must it be repeated!

Recently we have been made to realize somewhat of the condition of Chinese women through facts gleaned in regard to a Chinese family in Baltimore. There are about nine hundred Chinese in the city but only one Chinese woman. For a number of years, she has lived with her husband and they have five little ones. A short time ago, the husband died and the wife and children will soon return to China, for the first wife does not leave her own country, and, in the event of the husband's death, the second wife must return to be her slave. How pitiable; how dreadful the situation of this poor creature, and how different it is from that of the Christian woman who finds in God a Refuge and Helper, a Father for the fatherless little ones." Yet, she is but a type of the many in China who are degraded by custom and whose

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lives must continue to be joyless unless they also hear the words of comfort. Wishing to make a little change for one who throughout her stay here has been closely confined, we visited her in the hope that she would be allowed to attend an all-day meeting of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of Maryland. It was thought while there she would have some experiences which would bring a few pleasant memories in future years.

What a privilege it would have been to talk to her and tell her the story of Jesus, but being a woman, she could not attend the Schools for Chinese, and she only knows a few words of English. Arrangements might have been made for her to be present at the meeting by providing a carriage to avoid any publicity on the street or on the cars, but the mourning garments were not ready. Three of the children, into whose hearts have been sown the seeds of truth, were permitted to accept the invitation. Much interest was taken in them and they were just as sweet and attractive as the little ones in our own homes. In English, they distinctly recited John 3:16, Matt. 10:14, and sang the simple hymn of childhood, "Jesus loves me." Doubtless silent prayers were offered that in the darkness of China some missionary will find them, will keep alive the seeds of truth and implant others, so that even though they must submit to the horrible customs of their country, there will be a song of thanksgiving in the night of sorrow.

The greater our knowledge of the condition of women of China, the greater will be the appreciation of the blessings of Christianity. Let us therefore make a liberal response to the request of the Foreign Mission Board for a

CHRISTMAS OFFERING, and thus help to ring the joy bells of salvation in China.

(2) Let us put the joy of service into the lives of our own young people. Christ's cause needs them. They need the strength which comes from consciousness of being "laborers together with God." There can be no better safe-guard against the allurements of worldly pleasure.

In preparation for the Christmas Literature, the needs not only of those in China, but of the younger element in our churches, were constantly kept in mind. Formerly we have had two programs. This year, there are three, the additional one containing selections suited to young people. It is intended for use at a meeting to be held on Wednesday of the Week of Prayer. Feeling assured that permanent good will result if pains are taken in arranging for making this an attractive meeting, and if personal invitations are extended to all our young people.—those in the Church and Sunday-school as well as members of the Bands—we beg W. M. U. workers not be content with making their own Christmas Offering; or influencing the women, but also bear in mind the needs of our young people.

In conclusion, Our Lord and Savior "For the joy that was set before Him endured the cross," and if coming Christmas is observed by sacrifice and service in obedience to the Spirit and Words of Jesus, may we not anticipate the time of sweet surprises and fullness of joy when the redeemed from all nations are gathered together ascribing "Blessing and honor and glory and power unto the Babe of Bethlehem, the Lamb of God."

N. B. Christmas Literature may be obtained free from (Mrs.) W. R. Woods, Meridian, Miss.

TEMPERANCE.

BY W. H. PATTON.

A State Prohibition Mass Meeting.

Call for a State Prohibition Mass Meeting in Jackson Tuesday, February 17th, has been called. Let every community organize a temperance club and send delegates to the convention. Any one attending will be received without credentials, but every community should be represented. There should also be county conventions or mass meetings and have delegates from the county. Get a paper that has the call in it and read it.

Licensing the Liquor Traffic.

It is said that license puts a restraint upon the business, and that that is better than nothing at all. But to this two things may be said:

(1) Nothing is better than being right and doing right. We are not to do evil that good may come of it. We are always and everywhere to plant ourselves firmly and squarely upon principle, whatever may be the consequences. Drunkenness is a crime. Liquor drinking leads to drunkenness. Liquor selling is the necessary outcome of liquor drinking. Drunkenness is the result of both. Therefore, license is a sin. Nothing can justify it, not even the fact that the license plan places the traffic under some restrictions—if it were a fact.

But in the second place, it is not a fact that license restrains the traffic, except in theory. The theory is all very well as far as it goes, because it prohibits. Every license law is a prohibitory law to a certain extent. For this reason the principle of entire prohibition cannot be objected to, because the principle is already acknowledged by those who favor license. If the State, then, can go as far as license, it can go farther. If it can prohibit the sale of liquor to minors and drunkards, it can prohibit its sale to anybody. If it can close saloons on certain days, it can close them on all days. The power to restrain implies the power to clean out the business, root and branch.

But the trouble with this kind of prohibition is that it is hardly ever enforced. It is next to an impossibility to secure the enforcement of the restrictive measures of the license law. They are all dead letters, just as the framers of the law designed. No

politician clamoring for a judicious license law, no business man claiming to believe that the best way of handling the traffic is to grant it legal permission under restrictions, no saloon-keeper who howls about "personal liberty" and wants license and is anxious to give bonds to be decent, and none of the parties expect that the restrictive provisions of the license law can or will be enforced. The experience of a hundred years shows the license system is a delusion and a snare so far as any restrictions upon the business or any diminution of its evils are concerned. It is simply impossible to show that license ever prevented the sale of one glass of liquor. It is impossible to show that license ever saved one boy from ruin. It is impossible to show that license ever protected one home in the United States during one hundred years. It is impossible to show that license ever prevented the manufacture of a single drunkard in all this country. Let the man who clamors for license show any good ever done by it. Let those who are constantly declaiming against the failure of prohibition show where and in what respect license has been a success. Prohibition has been tried in one State, forty years with good results. License has been tried in all the older States over a century, and what are the results? Several Thousand drunkard factories in the United States. Some eight or ten millions of habitual liquor drinkers who are gradually being transformed from men into beasts. Some seventy-five thousand drunkard graves dug for drunkards every year. One billion of dollars annually spent for poisonous beverages by thousands of drunkards whose homes are being robbed all over the country. Insane asylums, poor houses, jails and prisons crowded by the victims of alcohol. All this the direct, legitimate fruit of license.

Now in view of these facts and the fact that more than four-fifths of this State, is under prohibition, every man that goes to the Legislature or Senate should see to it that they run and are nominated next year.

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—Rev. Joe Jones, brother of the unique Sam Jones, died suddenly on the night of the 4th inst. at the residence of his brother, in Cartersville, Ga.

—Rev. E. L. Jones, of Lenoir, but for the last few months a resident of Jackson, left last Thursday for Garrettsville, Texas. Let his correspondents note this fact.

—Through the courtesy of Secretary Martin Ball, we have just received a copy of the minutes of the twentieth annual session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Oct. 15-17.

—The Examiner has in its last issue a strong article in defense of baptism as essential to church membership, notwithstanding some of its next door neighbors have championed the opposite position.

—Everyone who suffers at all with kidney trouble should use Parker's Kidney Cure. It receives the very highest testimonials from those who have tested its curative powers. See their advertisement in another column.

—Pastor Vanborough, raised a strong protest on last Lord's day against the encroachment of worldliness upon church life, specifying the blighting effect of the theatre upon the lives of its devotees. Will not God's people heed his voice, and come out from the world?

—The intelligence of the death of the venerable and venerated Dr. T. C. Baker fell with a heavy thud upon the ears and hearts of his thousands of friends. It occurred at his home in Atlanta on Tuesday the 2nd inst. Read in another column what Dr. Rowe says of this truly great and good man.

—Turn to the Rookery advertisement on the 11th page and read. You will be surprised from week to week at the wonderful variety of things they offer for sale, and at the marvelously low prices they are offering their elegant Christmas goods. Write them for what you want. It does not matter what it is. They have everything.

—Rev. W. James Robinson who has been pastor at Grenada for two years has done a fine work there and has made many friends throughout the State during his brief stay among us. He has resigned at Grenada, but we trust they will prevail on him to remain; or, if they cannot retain him, that some other good church in Mississippi will secure his services. He is now on a visit to Illinois.

—Harris Bus. College, Jackson, Mississippi, secures a greater per cent. of its students' good positions, than any other business college. Why don't you take a course with them, and let them start you at \$50.00 or \$60.00 per month? They have had, during the past few months, thirty-nine applications for book keepers and stenographers. They could not supply salary from \$40.00 to \$75.00 per month. Recently, twenty-one of their students secured good positions in ten days.

It is announced today that all the saloon men but one have determined, beginning with tomorrow, to close and keep closed their establishments on Sunday. It is known that two or three of the number have long favored

this course.—Biloxi Items in N. O. Picayune.

Is the millenium coming? Saloon keepers, agreeing to obey the laws of the land. I presume unless there is unanimous understanding and one determines to close the others will not. Biloxi is Judge Nevell's home town. The law is powerless in saloon counties because the saloons can have the grand juries stocked so they will not indict and petit juries so they will not convict. Remove the saloons and you can have concienious men for Boards of Supervisors that select the names they put in the jury box. Some folks say keep prohibition out of politics. The saloon has been in politics ever since the war. The only way to get good officers is to remove the saloons. The chief of police is being run by the saloons and he will be counted in too.

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